

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3700  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 4676.0184

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Chikamasa Yamashita et al. )  
Application No.: 10/538,176 ) Group Art Unit: 3771  
Filed: June 9, 2005 )  
For: Inhalation Device for ) Examiner: Ostrup, Clinton T.  
Transpulmonary Administration )  
 ) Confirmation No.: 1747  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILED  
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This reply is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 8, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a one-month extension of time with appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this reply.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.